

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICAID COMMUNITY ATTENDANT SERVICES ACT OF 1997

HON. NEWT GINGRICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I want to introduce today the Medicaid Community Attendant Services Act of 1997 as part of my commitment to empowering all Americans and to the principles of community-based care. This bill allows for choices for persons with disabilities so that individuals can receive the care that is more appropriate for them. Everyone deserves the opportunity to lead a full and independent life and people with disabilities are no exception.

I believe that personal empowerment is essential to the pursuit of happiness and believe that this bill will begin a very important debate about long-term care in the Nation. During the 104th Congress, I submitted for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a statement in support of community-based care based upon the recommendations of a disabilities task force on disabilities which I appointed in Georgia and the work of advocates for community-based care from around the Nation.

The bill I am introducing today is the starting point for the dialog about the best way to empower persons with disabilities. I am aware that this proposal may have significant cost implications, so I encourage careful consideration and additional input to help ensure a sound policy decision.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, today I, along with Congressmen VIRGIL GOODE, JIM KOLBE, NATHAN DEAL, PAUL GILLMOR, and FLOYD SPENCE, am introducing a constitutional amendment that will implement a more effective method by which States could take the initiative in the process by which the Constitution is amended. This legislation already has the support of Gov. George Allen and Gov. Mike Leavitt.

At present, article V provides for two ways to amend the Constitution. The first involves the presentation of an amendment by Congress to the States for ratification. The second is by Constitutional Convention, convened at the request of the State legislatures. Even with both methods available, to date, all amendments to the Constitution have been enacted following passage by the Congress and ratification by three-fourths of the States. Some have asserted that the second method has not been as effective as intended by the Framers. Persuasive arguments have been made that a

Constitutional Convention might alter the Constitution more expansively than intended by proponents of a specific proposed amendment.

The Framers did intend that the States have an effective manner by which to modify the Constitution. We are proposing a process that allows the States to initiate the amending process that is devoid of the perils of a Constitutional Convention. Under our proposal, an amendment would be presented to Congress after two-thirds of the States indicated approval via their State legislatures. If two-thirds of each House of Congress does not agree to disapprove of the proposed amendment, it would be submitted to the States for ratification. Upon ratification by three-fourths of the States' legislatures, the amendment would become part of the Constitution.

I urge your support for this commonsense legislation that returns as an option, the power to amend the Constitution to the States, as the Framers intended.

IN HONOR OF THE SPACE TECHNOLOGY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the employees of NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, OH, who have been inducted into the U.S. Space Foundation Space Technology Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 1988 to recognize and honor innovators who have transformed space technology into viable commercial products. It also raises public awareness about the benefits of space spinoff technology and encourages further innovation.

On April 3, 1997, the Space Foundation Hall of Fame paid tribute to the technologies and the many professionals who developed America's most Advanced Communications Technology Satellite [ACTS] Program. The ACTS Program was developed to promote America's satellite industry and its position in the commercial communication satellite market. Members of NASA Lewis Research Center's ACTS Program continue to impact the role America's satellite industry has as world leaders in this market.

ACTS and NASA Lewis Research Center have stimulated the growth of a new generation of services as is evident by as many as 15 new communications satellite systems proposed for operation in the Ka-band frequency spectrum. These systems will offer services for a variety of business, medical, and long-distance learning applications. Many ACTS technologies have already been incorporated and even adapted for commercial systems.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in recognizing the following Space Foundation Hall of Fame inductees from NASA Lewis Re-

search Center who are helping to build the advanced technology bridge to the 21st century: Roberto Acosta, Robert Bauer, Ronald Bexton, Thom Coney, Richard Gedney, William Hawersaat, Doug Hoder, Howard Jackson, Michael Jarrell, Russell Jirberg, Rodney Knight, Richard Krawczyk, Keven McPherson, Mark Plecity, Joanne Poe, Karl Reader, Rich Reinhart, Ronald Schertler, Phil Sohn, Ernie Spisz, David Wright, and Michael Zernic.

TRIBUTE TO SUE BEITTEL

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding individual on the occasion of her 70th birthday, Mrs. Sue Beittel. Mrs. Beittel has devoted tremendous time and energy working for the betterment of her community in Marin County, CA.

Over the course of more than 30 years of public service, Mrs. Beittel focused here attention on the issues critical to a successful community. She has felt passionate about working for schools, housing, transportation, the environment, and preserving the democratic process. Mrs. Beittel served two terms on the San Rafael Board of Education and was on the statewide task force on vocational education. In recognition of her work for housing, Mrs. Beittel was the recipient of the 1997 Mel Boyce Award from the Ecumenical Association for Housing in San Rafael.

Some of the many organizations she has been active with include: the Audubon Society, the Family Service Agency, the League of Women voters, the Marin Education Fund, the Mental Health Association, the North San Rafael Coalition of Residents, the San Rafael Housing Coalition, and the St. Vincent/Silveira Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to Sue Beittel. She embodies a truly selfless sense of volunteerism. I wish her, her husband Dan, and their family, the best.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, each year during the month of October, the National Storytelling Association [NSA] holds the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the festival.

Considered one of the top 100 events in North America, the festival draws an average of 10,000 visitors per year. The NSA has received 70 percent of the funds required to

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